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District Man Pleads Guilty to Charges in Daytime Robbery and Assault in Northwest Washington - Defendant Admits Choking One Victim and Stealing \$60 From Another -

WASHINGTON - Darryl Olden, 46, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty today to robbery and assault charges stemming from an attack against two victims that took place only last week in Northwest Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Olden pled guilty to the charges in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He is to be sentenced by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary on September 16, 2011. Olden faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison for robbery and up to six months for simple assault.

According to the government's evidence, on June 29, 2011, at approximately 11:50 a.m., two men were walking out of a liquor store in the 1500 block of North Capitol Street NW when Olden approached them and stated, "Give me some money."

Olden then grabbed one of the men, started hugging him, and asked for money. The second man intervened and told Olden to release his friend. Olden then grabbed the second man around his neck and started choking him. Olden released the second man after he fell to the ground, and he snatched \$60 from the first man before fleeing on foot.

One of the victims chased Olden before flagging down a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer, who was in the area on patrol. A witness told police that he also saw Olden hugging the first victim and then choking the second man. Most of the incident was captured on video surveillance tape from a nearby store. Police stopped Olden, who matched the victim's description, a few blocks away. He admitted to taking the victim's money and he had \$60 in cash, which the police confiscated as evidence.

In announcing the plea, U.S. Attorney Machen commended MPD Detective Doug Reynolds, of the Fifth District Criminal Investigation Division, who led the investigation, as well as MPD Officer Shuntae L. Brown. He also expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Kalisha

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Johnson-Clark, who prepared the case for indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Eaton, who conducted the pre-indictment investigation and is prosecuting the case.

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